

# TRANSFORMING THE TAR HEEL STATE

## THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Historical Facts about Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center

Compiled by Wanda Hunter

#### Library Established

1907

#### Notable Librarians

Mrs. Charles Pearce was the first librarian at the Cumberland County Public Library. She started in 1910.

#### First Bookmobile

The first bookmobile was established in 1941. It was paid for by the North Carolina Library Commission and the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

#### Important Facts

On January 18, 1932, the library was made free to Fayetteville residents. Up to this time no records were kept on fine collections, number of books read or lost, etc. Partial service was offered in the county with book collections sent out to communities in care of the home demonstration clubs.

The WPA contributed funds to the Cumberland County Public Library. These funds paid the salaries of library assistants from 1932-1938, helped establish the James Walker Hood Branch Library for African Americans in 1942, and helped fund the library's bookmobile in 1941.